

Hinds Instruments has applied the power and versatility of the Photoelastic Modulator (PEM) to produce a birefringence imaging microscope. As the world leader in PEM technology, Hinds has manufactured and developed PEMs for over 50 years. For more than 20 years Hinds has built birefringence measurement solutions, marketed under the Exicor® brand. The superior polarization modulation capabilities of the PEM have delivered the highest sensitivity birefringence measurement solutions on the market.

Birefringence Imaging Microscope

The Exicor Birefringence MicroImager offers researchers in academia and industry the ability to evaluate birefringence of both biological and industrial materials. With a spatial resolution down to $0.0.18\mu\text{m}$, a detection limit (noise floor) of 2nm and a measurement range of beyond 3500nm , the MicroImager offers quick and reliable measurements in an integrated system package that includes camera, optics, electronics, sample stage hardware and software.

The system has a 4 Color configuration: red, orange, green or blue light sources, and 5X (0.74 micron resolution) objective. Additional objectives may be added as options, including 2X, 10X and 20X objectives. The MicroImager turret allows mounting of up to 4 objectives.

The Exicor MicroImager system comes standard with a phase unwrapping solution for determination of magnitude of high birefringence samples (i.e. $>300\text{nm}$). The phase unwrapping software uses a proprietary algorithm to estimate the true retardation magnitude, to 3500nm . The system can also be customized to use other wavelength sources (contact Hinds for details).

The Hinds Birefringence Imaging Microscope is ideal for measuring birefringence in biological structures (see Figure 1), glass, crystals, and many other organic and inorganic samples.

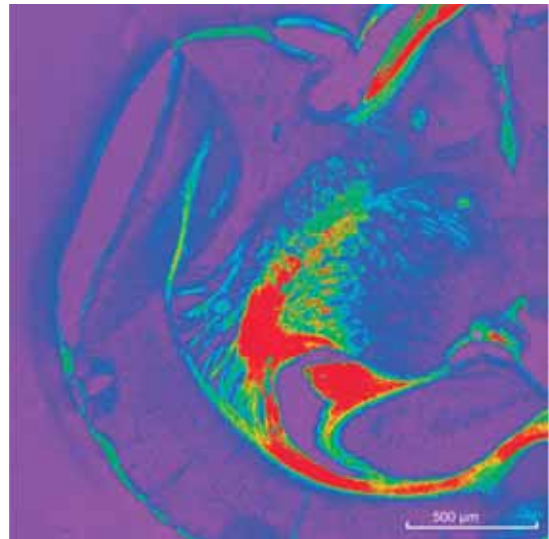


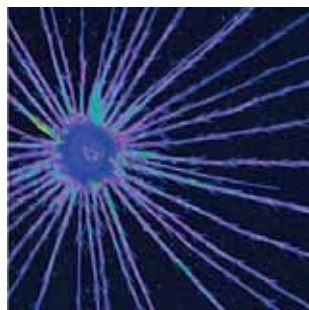
Figure 1. Myelinated White Matter in a mouse brain.



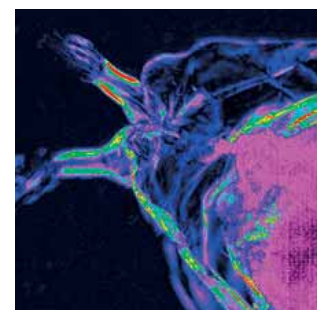
Figure 2. Exicor Birefringence MicroImager.

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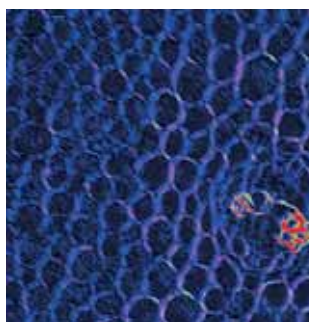
- ♦ No Dyes or Fluorescent labels required
- ♦ Measures retardation, angle and intensity
- ♦ Images retardation, angle and intensity
- ♦ Allows color maps to be customized by user for optimal display of data
- ♦ Allows maximum, average, and standard deviation over entire image and in user-selected areas or lines
- ♦ View data by intensity, birefringence/retardation, angle, or combination
- ♦ Histograms for statistical analysis
- ♦ User calibration
- ♦ Export of data in .csv and binary formats
- ♦ Export of data from user selected areas
- ♦ Export images in bmp, png or tiff formats
- ♦ Compatibility with third party analysis tool, ImageJ
- ♦ Phase Unwrapping. For highly birefringent samples - up to 3500nm



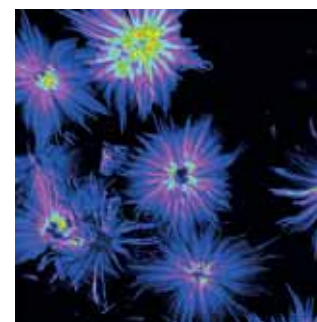
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RETARDATION AND ANGLE



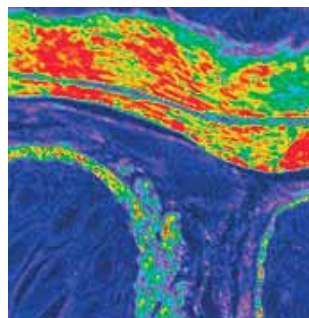
DROSOPHILA 10X
RETARDANCE



RANUNCULUS ROOT, C.S. 10X
RETARDANCE



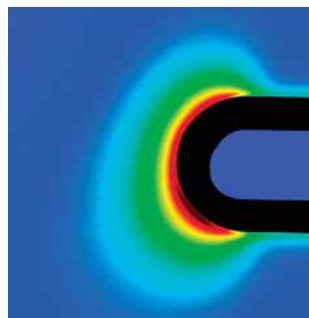
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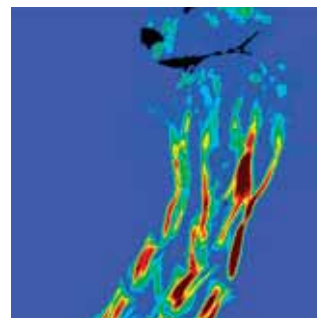
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MULTI TAPE SAMPLE
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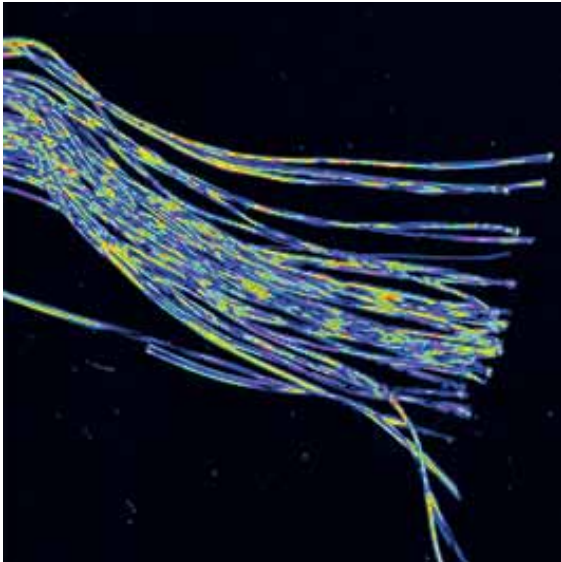
CELL PHONE COVER
RETARDANCE



MOSQUITO LARVAE 5X
RETARDANCE

SPECIFICATIONS			RESOLUTION AND FIELD OF VIEW		
Retardation Repeatability ¹	≤ 0.5nm (3 σ)		Imager	Resolution	2464px x 2056px
Wavelengths	Red			Bit-Depth	12 bits
	Orange				
	Green		Objective ³	Resolution, μm	Field of View, mm
	Blue		2X	2	4.941 x 4.123
Retardation Measurement Range	2nm - 0.5λ (1 Color)		5X	0.74	1.83 x 1.53
	Phase unwrapping to 3500nm		10X	0.36	0.876 x 0.731
Measurement Speed ³	Nominal 15 sec		20X ⁴	0.18	0.437 x 0.364
Dimensions	Footprint	36.1 cm x 26.5 cm			
	Height	77.1 cm			
Stage Travel (x, y)	75 mm, 56 mm				

¹ Magnitude above 2nm
² 2X, 5X, 10X , 20X Noise Floor ~2nm
³ 1 color with 4 averages



SILK FIBERS SET
RETARDANCE